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Location

1. The torpedo shop near Kaliningrad occupies the site of two former factories situated between the Pregel River and the railroad line from Primorsk (N54-44, E20-01), about two km east of the railroad station in Kaliningrad (N54-42, E20-30). (See No. 1 on Sketch No. 1, Page 3.)

History

2. [REDACTED]

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Production

3. Torpedoes of various types are overhauled, cleaned, rendered safe, dismantled, and assembled after replacement of unserviceable parts. Torpedoes were not recharged here.

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Personnel

4. The officer in command of the shop was a Major Bolgov (fnu), a Soviet. Under him were 600 workers, including 100 Germans and 30 to 50 Mongols; the rest were Soviets, including 15 to 20 soldiers. In July 1951 all the Germans were replaced by Soviets. Work was done in two shifts with about 300 workers in each shift.

Power

5. As the electric power supplied by the town was too weak, the shop had two Diesel engines of its own to provide power for lighting and machinery.

Origin of Raw Material

6. Spare parts were brought mainly by water, but occasionally by rail, to the ramp north of the shop.

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Destination of Completed Torpedoes

7. The overhauled torpedoes were generally taken directly from the shop by small freighters [redacted] very rarely they were shipped by rail.

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Security Measures

8. The shop was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence about two meters high. There were no watchtowers. Inside the shop there was a Soviet military guard, about 15 to 20 strong, with red tabs but no numbers on their shoulderboards. When the entrances were open, they were guarded by single sentries armed with rifles. All entrances were seldom open at the same time.

Union Foundry

9. About two km southwest of the torpedo shop, on the south bank of the Pregel, is another Soviet undertaking, the Union Foundry (No. 2 on Sketch No. 1). [redacted] harbor mines were made there.

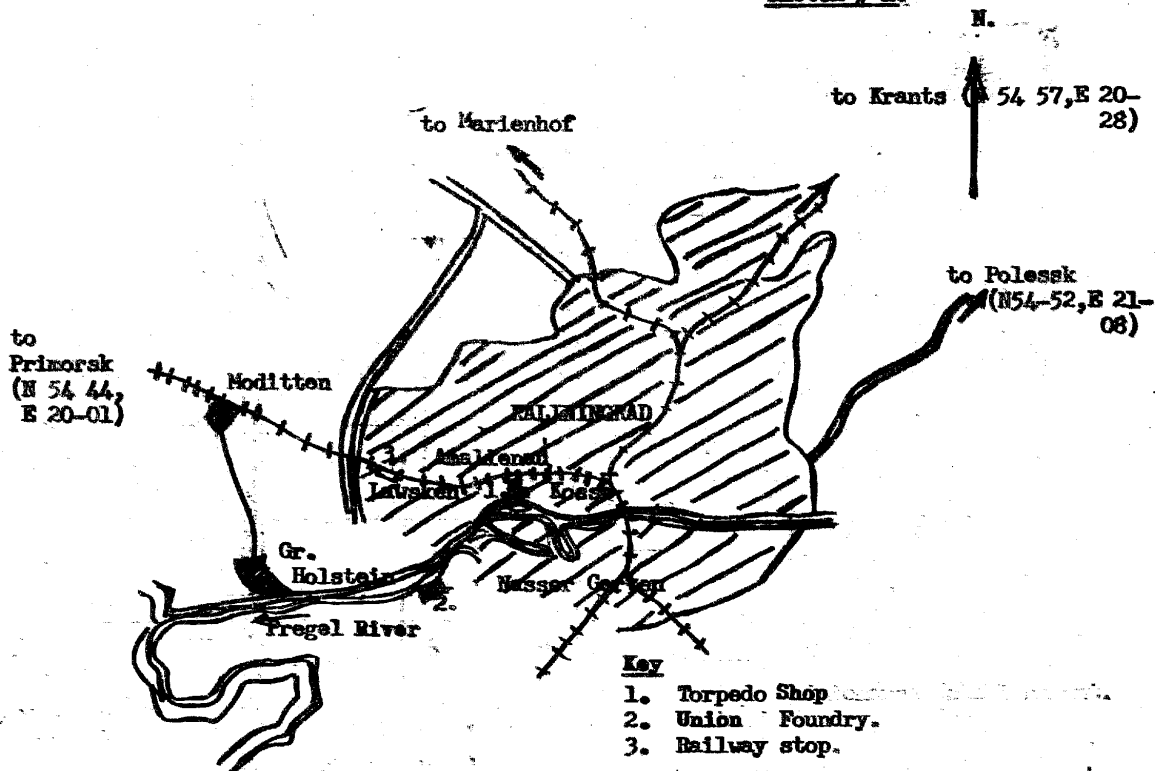
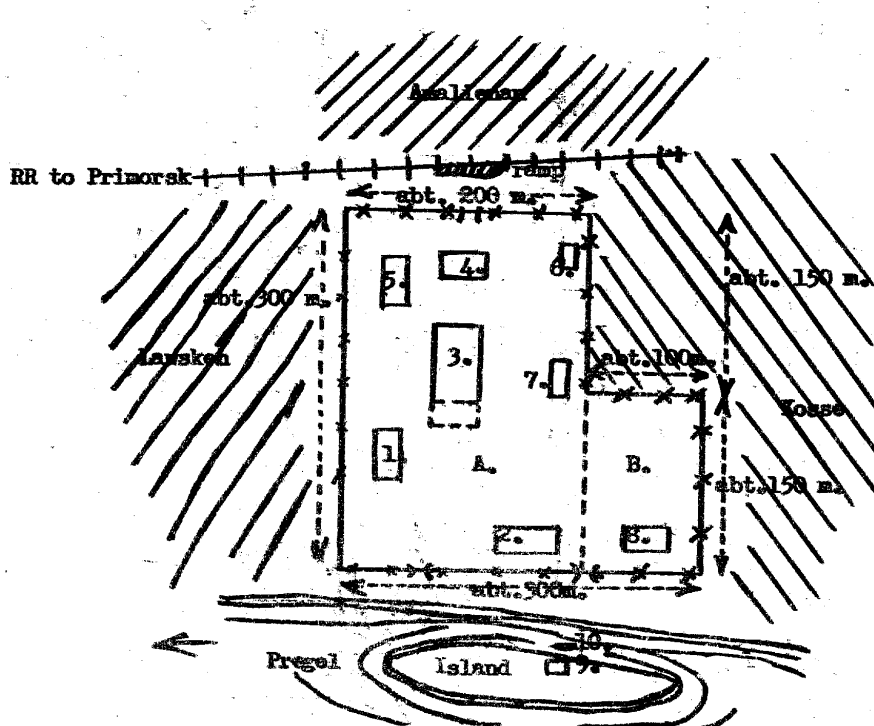
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Location of Torpedo Shop at KaliningradSketch # 1.Sketch # 2.Detailed Layout of the Torpedo Shop

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Key to Sketch No. 2

A. Grounds of a former factory, about 300 x 200 m.

B. Grounds of a former factory, about 150 x 100 m.

Some of the buildings are of brick; these include repaired buildings. Others are newly-built from rubble. The buildings are in a bad state and the work is rough. The roofs are of pantiles.

1. Building, about 40 m long x 20 m wide. The north part is a hall and the south part is a house with two rows of windows in which are quartered the guard and some offices. The torpedoes, which arrive in a very dirty and battered condition, are rough-cleaned in the hall.
2. Hall, about 60 m long, in which torpedoes are dismantled and their parts are cleaned.
3. Hall, about 80 x 30 m. South part (broken line on sketch) destroyed. Assembly of torpedoes and fitting of new parts.
4. Hall, about 35 x 15 m, used for inspection of overhauled torpedoes.
5. Hall, about 35 x 15 m, used for repair of old parts and fitting of new parts.
6. Power station.
7. Hut, about 25 x 10 m, occupied by the management.
8. Shed, about 35 x 20 m, for storage of torpedoes before and after overhauls. The area north of the shed contained a dump of totally unserviceable torpedoes and torpedo scrap.
9. Guard house on the island facing the shop. All ships and boats intending to berth off the shop had to report here.
10. A motor boat, always stationed here to control arriving vessels.

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